



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YOSHIKAWA, Hideki et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2811**

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Examiner: **Junghwa M. Im**

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For: **COMPOSITE DEVICES OF LAMINATE TYPE AND PROCESSES FOR
PRODUCING SAME**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -

GROUP ART UNIT 2811

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 30, 2004**, extended to **March 30, 2005** by a one (1) month Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the prior art rejections disclosed below.

Claims 9-10 and 12-13 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,080,468 to Yamaguchi (hereinafter "**Yamaguchi**").

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Yamaguchi discloses a laminated composite electronic device having a laminated body formed by stacking ceramic layers which differ from each other in thermal expansion rate. Between those different ceramic layers are inserted intermediate ceramic layers a, b, c and d, each having thermal expansion rates differing from one another so as to reduce the difference between the neighboring ceramic layers in the thermal expansion rate thereof. Thereby, it is